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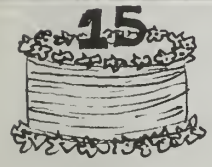

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US

It is a beguiling fantasy that looking after the needs of a small town should be a simple matter. In fact, it means a higher percentage of local citizens are involved in keeping the town from being roughed up in the fast changes of the world around us.

The Wendell Post was born in the spring of 1977 -- sprouted in the warmth of an active campaign for Town Elections. It set out to be the paper of record for Wendell.

Post staffers learned quickly that the printed word carries more impact than a lot of Wendell citizens might have owned up to then or even now. A continuing sensitivity to reader response has shaped the format and content of the paper over the past 15 years.

While early attempts at advocacy journalism proved too rambunctious for Town Elections, space has since been made for candidates to speak for themselves. The paper developed a track record for letting citizens know when meetings, large and small, and other town functions were to take place.

Early on, staff members agreed that this information sharing should be the focus of the articles. It was presumed that Wendell citizens seemed quite capable of expressing assumptions , but that it would be a public service to provide more factual grist for robustly turning opinion mills. Recently, more room has been made for the opinion of the Wendell Post contributor.

While these articles by themselves may lack balance, the voices of the Town can be heard when an entire issue or series of issues is read. Care has been given that room is made for any voice that seeks a place in the Wendell Post.

In this way the Wendell Post challenges its readers to see that information left out, is included in the next issue. Opinions omitted are given the opportunity to have the record balanced in the Post's paper and ink memory.

While the look of the paper has changed over the years, the policy of finding better ways of expressing the Town's voice has not. Like the success of the community itself everyone's contribution is a part of achieving that goal.

Blow out a candle for us and wish us another healthy 15 years.

-- Michael Idoine

A LOCAL BARTER SYSTEM??

In late January a group of poeple from Wendell visited the E.F. Schumacher Society located in Great Barrington, MA. The Wendell Community Works group was seeking some practical advice about developing a local barter system.

The Society was founded to help implement the ideas of E.F. Schumacher. Schumacher's book, Small Is Beautiful, describes the benefits of a sustainable local economy. Sustainable economy takes into account the ecological wealth and limits of a region, as well as the possibilities created when people look close to home to exchange goods and services. This idea is really nothing new in Wendell. Taking care of and using the resources at hand, as well as a strong tradition of neighbor helping neighbor, are a common thread of local stories, past and present.

This Wendell Community Works group is just one of several ongoing efforts to strengthen and localize our economy in a sustainable way. In its present form the group has been meeting for about 1½ years. Probably the most remarkable thing about this group is its diversity and I sometimes think that we've arrived at this point of working together in spite of ourselves. But it's working! WCW has been looking at different kinds of local barter systems. In some ways it's an "obvious choice" for Wendell. People here are already pretty creative about finding ways to meet their needs with less cash, and labor exchange creates strong relationships. A small sample of Wendell stories appears in another article on this page. The "casual" nature of such exhanges is part of their beauty. But the beauty of a more "organized" system is that you might be able to barter for something indirectly. Some working examples of this kind are described in the other article. WCW has found the simplest system, Ithaca Hours, to be the most appealing, but we invite comments and questions, as we're certain there's more to consider. To this end, a potluck dinner was held on April 6, the first of many. Anyone wishing to attend a barter potluck is welcome. In the menatime, some other pieces are falling into place. Nancy Graton has offered to be the contact person for record keeping. Returns of the Post insert are piling up, which is one indicator of interest. Forms for describing the services or goods you are willing to consider bartering are available at the Post Office. Comments and questions are always welcome.

For anyone interested in reading about sustainable community and barter systems, WCW has donated some written materials to the library.

TOWN MEETING

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MONDAY, MAY 4TH

AT WENDELL TOWN HALL

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LETTERS

On March 10th I received a phone call from Jonathan Von Ranson concerning a petition that I had circulated. Subject; Kehler - Corner; The Colrain Connection.

My interpretation of the conversation;

Both sides have very passionate feelings on this matter. As passionate as the American Flag. Jim Hebert was called before an informal town meeting and was persecuted for complaining about the Earth Day Flag being flown above the American Flag which was being flown upside down, a clear violation of the law. He was persecuted by two arrogant and belligerent selectboard members and was reminded by one that she was his boss because he was a town official.

These same two selectboard members, along with an official from the conservation committee, school board, library board, and town assessors office, usig their own set of rules were condoning (and are themselves tax resisters or sympathizers of) the actions of Corner - Kehler.

You wonder why people make jokes about Wendellites, some of our town officials who have to work with school and highway budgets, state and local taxes, as I have stated above, are themselves tax resisters or sympathizers of tax resisters.

I was also asked why, seeing that I have been unemployed for nine months, that I don't donate some time to the Wendell Post. My response was, "If that's all I had to do all day was hang around and demonstrate maybe I would, I spend my time trying to find a job."

The next day I called Mr. Von Ranson back and questioned why he asked me to donate my time to the Wendell Post, knowing that I am 180 degrees from the Post's left wing philosophy. I also asked him about an article that was submitted but that was not published because, I was told, it was contrary to the Post's view. He told me he was hazy on the matter and to call Kathy Becker, but said the matter had been resolved and a follow-up letter was written.

Mr. Von Ranson also said that at a meeting that was held, people admitted, "They probably screwed up and opposing views would be a benefit to the paper." Having me work for the Post would be like putting the fox in the chicken coop.

Ken Carville

"Post" response: A lesson was learned from this incident. We did not print the letter in question because of the objectionable language used. We failed to notify the writer to request a re-write, so the matter was never resolved in a way we are proud of. This is not our usual policy, we invite all opinions.

The Wendell Post Staff

Dear Reader,

I hope at Annual Town Meeting you will vote in favor of reducing the quorum required for Special and Annual meetings. The present number is too large for Special Town Meetings, causing the people who come to have to wait and wait for more people to get there. If enough people don't come, everyone has to go home and come again another night for another try. This gets frustrating. Who wants to rush through dinner and sit up at the town hall for nothing? More and more people who used to be reliable town meeting participants now stay at home. They will come if phoned, with a promise that a quorum is almost there. If we allow the quorum to be composed of the few who show up and the friends they feel comfortable calling in, meetings will grow into a system where only certain groups have say. The reason a quorum was made in the first place was to make sure a small group would not run the town. This was a good safeguard, but it made everyone feel too safe. Now people don't feel the urgency to speak for themselves, they think surely someone else will do it. Lowering the quorum IS risky, but we seem to need that hanging over our head to remind us to show up ourselves to make sure that things go right, or that things even happen at all.

Kathy Becker

I sit in the little house on Shelburne Line Road in Colrain, thinking of the changes the past few months have brought about in my life. When Betsy's and Randy's house was seized by the IRS, I faced the decision of whether to volunteer to take my turn house-sitting until they returned. I had not paid federal taxes myself for several years but I had been very quiet about it. It was a protest, and certainly one of value, since at least no part of the tiny amount of money I make was circulated through the military. But I think all along I knew that it was incomplete for me. Something held me back from more active protest.

The first decision to occupy was an enormous one. For weeks I thought about the risks to myself and my family. I played out worst-case scenarios in my head . I thought about what effect my political work would have on the work I do for Wendell. And I thought about all the people who died in the Gulf War, who are still not counted as casualties by our government. Especially I thought about all the children who are continuing to die in Iraq. In the end, frightened or not, I decided I needed to take the step of occupying the house, and I needed to accept whatever degree of publicity that that action brought with it.

So when the time came around again for the Wendell group to occupy the house, I thought I would once again agonize over the right thing to do. I was in for some surprises. One was that this time the decision was easy. Once one decides that it is wrong to travel to foreign countries and hurt people, many things fall into place. Life becomes very simple. And that is the second and most delightful surprise. Against the clarity of conscience, many other complexities of this mordern life become simple. It becomes an exhilarating exercise in personal authenticity to weigh everything against the standard of whether it is or it is not in line with what I know to be right, and whether it furthers or hinders my ability to live and speak according to my conscience. How about ownership of land? Ownership of animals? Cars? Parenting? Use of electricity? Gardening? My computer? Many things are in question, and changing, and I have never felt so alive. The simple act of tax refusal is teaching me in midlife so much about how to live.

Zenya Wild

Last issue there was a story titled "Small Miracles." It was a story about the Post - about the growing up and changing jobs, about the miracle that this paper happens on an almost regular basis. In the article I was said to perhaps be the heart of the paper. That was very sweet to read and it felt good to be recognized for my part in this wonder. My mind next went to the many hours of working with Kathy Becker (who has been there from Day I), to Stephen Broll, who has picked up and carried the ball for many years, to Dorthee, to Jonathan von Ranson, to Susan DunLany, to Josh Heineman, and to our newer staff members: Bob Ellis, Christine Heard, Elizabeth Scully, Floyd Borakove, Kathy Swaim, and to the many, many others who are the brains, eyes, arms, and legs of the Post. The people who type, layout, do artwork, deliver, write stories all are a part of this 15 yr. old miracle. I could name another 20 people but this article would go on and on.

I am very proud to be a part of this amazing group of people who together produce this paper. I appreciate each of you as I know our readers do, too. Good Job Folks!!

Anne Diemand

BARTER HERE & NOW

What exactly is bartering?

Bartering is a method of exhanging goods and services without the use of money. This type of trade was very common between the Native peoples who lived on this continent before the settling of Europeans, and continues to be used by many individuals in modern times--even people here in Wendell! To give an idea of the kinds of swaps that have happened in town, here are a few examples:

--Jonathan von Ranson and Susan DunLany bartered Jonathan's stone masonry skills in exchange for the use of Heather Lenz and Paul Wanta's car a couple of days a week. Heather and Paul needed a retaining wall for their garden, and the car often sat idle. The deal they struck was Jonathan would build the wall for ¼ share in the car and ¼ of the year's fixed expenses, namely insurance and registration.

Jonathan has also bartered his stonework for doctor's consultations and road and garden work.

--Kate Gilday has bartered a series of herbal classes for accupressure work. She has also done herbal consultations in exchange for a rug weaving. She is currently learning to play the hammer dulcimer by trading herbal products for the lessons.

--Dothee had fed Chris Wings' cat while Chris was out of town in exchange for using Chris' washing machine. Dor has shared her knowledge of improving eyesight by using a method of eye exercises in exchange for massage work with a physical therapist.

--Work exchanges have built a considerable number of houses here in recent years--some say the number is around 20!

Barter can happen in all kinds of ways. Whether it's trading child care for the use of someone's computer or exchanging firewood for help in building a kitchen counter, barter is a surprisingly rewarding way of getting things you need by giving something you have, or know how to do. It doesn't cost any hard currency, and it's the natural way to get to know the people of the community, or to become closer to those you already know.

Gabe Slavin

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Alternative Currencies: In Wendell's Future?

Money exists for a reason, one finds out when one sets out to create even a local barter network. It is convenient to be able to hold a symbol of stored value for work done or goods provided. That way the holder of the symbol-of-value can save it, or turn it over for goods or services pretty much at will. It does not require control of record keeping, as a barter network otherwise might. In these difficult economic times, alternative currencies can also take the place of scarce US dollars, and "steer" purchases toward local sources.

The concept of an alternative currency is not a new idea to our area. Working models for barter/local currency have been part of the economies of Ithaca, New York, Great Barrington and Monterey in western Massachusetts for years. To get a a sense for how an alternative currency might be used in Wendell, some of these models are outlined here.

One terrific system which has been set up in Ithaca is known as the "Ithaca Hour". The Ithaca system offers a free publication which lists both requests and offers for goods and services, as well as advertisements from local businesses which accept the Ithaca Hour note as currency. Interested parties are able to sign up with the listing, and receive four free Ithaca notes with which to begin their bartering. When an exchange is initiated, the parties involved negotiate the value of the job or service. Generally, one hour of work is worth one Ithaca note - but the option to adjust the rate remains open for those who feel they possess specialized or more valuable skills. The Ithaca listing has hundreds of entries ranging from "alternative energy advice" to "French lessons" to "house painting".

Another variation on the theme is underway in western Mass using a discounting process which enables business people to promote their services while at the same time bypassing loan officers. In these cases, for example, a note worth $10 in store goods is sold for $9, with the stipulation that the customer must wait for a fixed amount of time (one week, six months, etc.) before redeeming the note. This kind of currency arrangement serves two possible purposes for the business owner. First it may provide the owner with a short term loan - for expansion or development. Second, it provides a more even income distribution for businesses subjected to seasonal or cyclical variations (such as farmstands, or tourist destinations). In either case, the customer receives a discount at the establishment. In Great Barrington, The Deli was able to secure $4,500 to assist with moving the deli to a new location. The Monterey General Store fended off a poor tourist season with its $10 notes, and a new restaurant in Great Barrington attracted new business with its notes. Alternative currencies have been used at farmstands around the state with considerable success. Usually a patron can purchase a note worth $10, $50 or $100 in vegetables - again at a discount. These sales take up the slack during the slower months of spring and fall, and ensure a steady clientele during the summer. As the use of alternative currency has gained popularity, more area businesses have honored the bills, from a local bookstore to an autobody shop.

How are alternative currencies different from US dollars? Alternatives are not directly subject to the ups and downs of the US banks, inflation, or recession. They stimulate the local economy by encouraging local exchange and increase local buying power. Contrary to popular belief, it is perfectly legal to use alternative currencies. As with US dollars, it is the responsibility of the barterers to decide the fair market value of the goods and services, and to report any taxable exchanges. Altogether, alternative currencies offer a promising solution for Wendell's wealth of untapped talents and resources. A unified local economy in Wendell will reenforce community resilience and our individual interdependence.

Ingrid Shockey

BOB ELLIS
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"Jeff & Joe 1990", the painting of Jack Ellis's oxen donated to Good Neighbors by Bob Ellis, the artist. The picture was raffled off to raise funds for the free food program and was won by Joshua Jay Dostis of New Salem.

Charlie's Postal News

Visitors to the Wendell Post Office are being greeted by the bright face on our shiny new computer terminal. 'She' is a delightful new addition to our office. I thank each of you for your unique and individual suggestions for helping to gain her quick acceptance. This (Integrated Retail Terminal) is proof of how much the U.S. Postal Service is trying to serve you better through the use of automation and computer technology.

Be sure to notice the wonderful transformation that has occurred in the lobby. Adorning the walls are lovely still-life drawings and self portraits created by the children from the third grade at the Swift River School. These classes were part of a project initiated and taught by Kerry Verney as part of an Arts Lottery Grant awarded by the Wendell Arts Lottery Council with funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Speaking of artwork, don't forget to cast your vote for your favorite Elvis Stamp. Ballots can be picked up in the lobby. Express your choice in this postal marketing first!

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1	BOARD OF ASSESSORS		3 YRS
2	BOARD OF HEALTH		
	ROBERT LEET	(incumbent)	
1	PLANNING BOARD		5 YRS
	PETER ROONEY	(incumbent)	
1	PLANNING BOARD		2 YRS
	(fill vacancy)		
1	PLANNING BOARD (fill vacancy)		3 YRS
	LAURA DOUGHTY		
1	MODERATOR		1 YR
	KATHY BECKER	(incumbent)	
1	CONSTABLE		1 YR
	DAVID WALSH	(incumbent)	
	ANDREW HAMILTON		
1	CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS		3 YRS
	DANIEL BACIGALUPO	(incumbent)	
1	ROAD COMMISSIONER		3 YRS
	HARRY WILLISTON	(incumbent)	
2	SCHOOL COMMITTEE		3 YRS
	CAROLYN MANLEY		
	JEAN FORWARD	(incumbent)	
1	TREE WARDEN		1 YR
	DANIEL BACIGALUPO	(incumbent)	
2	LIBRARY TRUSTEES		3 YRS
	FRANCIS DOUGHTY		

* Write-in candidate statements are listed as known under appropriate offices.

Candidate Statements

ROAD COMMISIONER Harry Williston

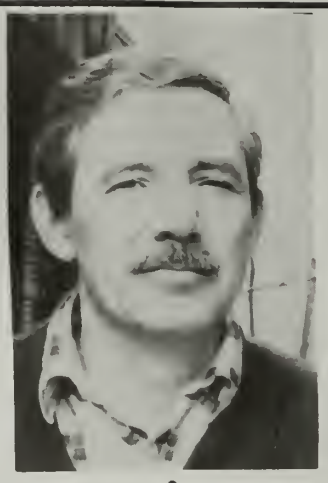
Harry Williston has lived in town for 24 years. He is running for re-election for Road Commissioner for a second term. Over the years, Will has been on many boards. He has been on the Selectboard as well as the Selectboard's Clerk, on the School Committee, Town Accountant all the while being on the Fire Department. He is currently Assistant Chief.

When asked what his thoughts were on the Road Commission, he replied that he feels that with the way taxes are being spent now, we are only able to do "a band-aid job." He thinks we are doing minimal maintenance and we desperately need more funds. Roads in town need to be sealed or they are just going to continue to deteriorate. He in no way finds fault with the road crew, it's just that we need to give the road crew some money to do the job right the first time.

Anne Diemand

Margo Culley

SELECT BOARD



Ken Simos

It has been a privilege to serve on the Selectboard in Wendell. What has made the experience a positive one are the people of Wendell--full of community spirit, energy and resourcefulness. In addition to its stipulated duties (hiring and appointing, paying bills, preparing town meeting warrants), the selectboard--when it is working well together as it currently is--can set the tone for civic life. And it can also do much that is practical to encourage and facilitate community activism. I hope to continue to do my part to support citizen initiatives whether they be a Community Works' pancake breakfast to raise money to paint town buildings, the Good Neighbors' effort to provide free food for Wendell residents, or the PAC/ Historical Society plan to restore the bandstand to the town Common.

No one can deny the extraordinarily difficult financial times we face together. Small towns like ours have felt the brunt of the "trickle down" misery created by the Reagan/Bush years. The pressure put on local property taxes by the withdrawal of federal and state assistance has meant the end of equal opportunity for all particularly in education. As we struggle to keep our fiscal house afloat, we must remember that our problems were not created in Wendell.

Hard times can erode communication, trust and tolerance among our citizens. The most crucial challenge facing Wendell (and the Selectboard) is to sustain respect among its diverse groups of residents, respect for a range of political perspectives, lifestyles, and priorities. No "Selectman's Handbook" could have prepared us for the difficult episodes we faced during my first term on the board. And a number of these complicated issues involved miscommunication, suspicion, and intolerance among us. Our strength lies in our differences and I pledge to continue to work for respect for those differences.

I will bring to a second term a commitment to democracy in action which requires an active and well-informed citizenry. I will continue to "accentuate the positive," and bring what I hope is good judgement, an open mind and a sense of humor to the work. I am a registered Democrat with progessive politics rooted in the Civil Rights Movement, the Anti-Vietnam War Movement and the Women's Movement. I have always been an activist and an educator and hope to bring this background to a second term on the Selectboard. Whoever is your choice, please remember to vote on Monday, May 4th.

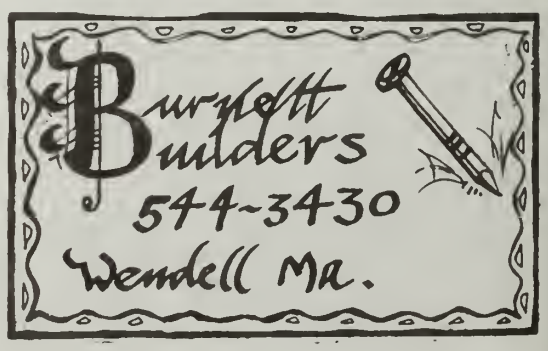
The final legacy of the timely departing Gwendolyn Hallsmith, was to give Wendell Cluster Development zoning, a form of communal living with common land usage. It was adopted despite warnings. To no one's surprise, restricted private land became prey to non-profit purchase and removal from the tax roles and continues to be.

Articles in the warrant to restore portions of discontinued roads are an attempt to hold off resulting lawsuits. The voters must reject them and building permits should be issued immediately. The people need not be rushed into correcting, what will take a full year.

Much of Wendell's financial problems stem from a willingness to use official position to foster utopian concepts. Cluster zoning is the most serious, but official sanction of outhouses devalue all property, illegal occupation of private property by Wendell officials leaves the Town open to suit and rental or fee use of Town property invites loss. That too is illegal.

Global thinkers see disobeying the law, as a tool to restore peace and natural harmony to an industrialized world they reject. That kind of leadership will always clash with private ownership and individual rights. That it is all for the greater good, is a familiar theme throughout history, but it is false.

Wendell is really make up of only two income classes and both are poor people just trying to survive. We cannot go on this way, continually doubting the people we need to trust. Those, who are irrevocably committed to a new world order, must step out of the disguise of public servants and proceed alone. They must not continue to experiment with a government they do not fully understand or respect. The people can't afford it. The time has come for everyone to choose.



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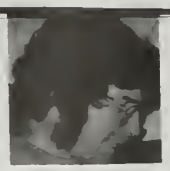

David Walsh

I'm running for Constable because posting notices helps keep me in touch with what people's concerns are in town. It also gives me a little extra authority dealing with Board of Health issues. I investigate littering and oil dumping, being Constable would give me the extra authority in dealing with any environmental carelessness I happen upon.

David Walsh

Ken Carville

Notice of write in Candidacy

My name is Ken Carville. I'm 55 years old and reside in Wendell Depot on Kentfield Road. My wife and I moved here 5 years ago after selling our home in Shrewsbury, Mass. I was employed at the L.S. Starrett Co. before being laid off in July 1991.

I will be running for Constable as a write in candidate.

Background:

I am a U.S. Army Veteran and served a tour in Korea (1956-57) as a radio operator in the infantry.

I was a parachuting instructor and commercial pilot for 14 years having worked in those capacities throughout the state.

This is my first bid for an elected position, but I will do my best to serve you. I hope you will give me your support. I can be reached at 544-8543.

Andrew S. Hamilton

Greetings. I am addressing you about my nomination for the position of Constable. I was born and raised in New Salem on our family farm. I attended Mahar and the New Salem Academy where I was educated in the field of auto mechanics.

I have lived in Wendell for over seven years. I currently work independently as a "mechanic on wheels" with most accounts within close proximity to Wendell, which allows me the flexibility to serve in the position of constable to the fullest extent necessary.

There is no conflict of interests as I hold no other town office. I feel that my ability to defuse potentially volatile situations with patience, caring, and understanding help to make me uniquely qualified to be Wendell's peacekeeper.

ANDREW S. HAMILTON

PLANING BOARD - Mary McBride Laura Doughty

My husband, Fran, and I have been coming to Wendell since 1983, when we bought our land on New Salem Rd. In 1988 we started the mental and physical preparations of building our home. Likewise we started to mentally prepare for the commitment of being a part of this town. Over time I learned a lot about the Wendell Community. I was impressed with the thoughtful diversity of opinion and the Town's resourcefulness. Most people I met were warm and supportive. Everything I learned made me feel that I belong here and urged me to share in the responsibilities of our Town's life.

I am running for Planning Board mainly because I feel strongly the responsibility to participate and to serve in some way. There is a need in the Planning Board (three open positions) and I think that my abilities would be put to use. I currently work as an Administrative Assistant at a large university. I am used to juggling deadlines and learning government regulations.

People have asked me what my agenda for the Planning Board would be; frankly, I don't have one. My goal would be to learn as much as I can about our zoning bylaws and any other relevant laws and procedures and apply them fairly to everyone in our town. I would appreciate your input, your support and your vote.

Sincerely, Laura Doughty

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LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Francis Doughty

My name is Francis Doughty. Laura (my best friend and wife) and I live on New Salem Road. We've been coming to Wendell since we bought a piece of property here in 1983. We began building our house in spring of 1989 and moved in early in the fall of 1990.

Like so many others I believe any and all efforts, large, small, paid, or volunteer, are necessary to maintain a viable and healthy community. It is for this reason that I am running for the position of Library Trustee: there's an opening -- a job to be done, and I would like to help out.

While I have no specific experience in library administration, I have worked for a number of years as an administrative assistant, and believe that this experience will help me carry out some of my duties as a library trustee. I am eager to learn and look forward to becoming an active and helpful member of the Board of Library Trustees. As in every community, the Library is one of its more important vital organs.

I'll appreciate any votes I get, and promise, in return, to serve as well as I can. Thank you.

MODERATOR Kathy Becker

My qualifications for Moderator include 8 years previous experience. Town Moderator is responsible for chairing the Annual Town Meeting and all Special Town Meetings using the rules of order adopted by the Mass. Moderators Assoc. as set out in a manual called Town Meeting Time. This manual, and Mass. General Law, allow room for and honor many local parliamentary traditions. This makes every town meeting in this Commonwealth unique, ours especially! There are very good workshops offered by the Moderators Assoc. and by the local and state government, which I attend regularly.

To me, as a nurse, the process of reaching decisions and coping with our problems together as a community is healthy, and lush with interesting facets. Kathy Becker

BOARD OF HEALTH

Robert Leet

Statement of Robert Leet for re-election to the Wendell Board of Health:

Over the next few years, the Wendell Board of Health will address such tasks as overseeing septic systems, alerting the public to the approaching risks of Lyme disease and rabies, regulating a private landfill, closing and recertifying our old town dump, dealing with new regulations on hazardous wastes (such as the freon in old refrigerators and air-conditioners). Although I hope I bring some professional expertise to my role as a Board member, it is also my philosophy to add common-sense and personal concern while dealing with these matters. This is increasingly difficult because we need to deal with more complex problems while keeping in mind the financial straights Wendell is in. I am proud to say we have decreased our budget every year for the past three years, and while I do not know if we can continue this trend, I will certainly continue to be mindful of the scarcity of our tax dollars. Your vote for me will give me confidence I am doing the job as it needs to be done.

I do want to say I am concerned that I am running unopposed. There is even an open spot on the Board of Health! I encourage each of you to think about matters of public health, and hope the community as a whole will not only help, but challenge us as we attempt to serve our town.

Janee Stone

Janee Stone, New Salam Road, Wendell
Write-in candidate for Board of Health

I am a community health nurse, and have lived in town for twenty-two years raising children and my awareness of the necessity of keeping balance between us humans and our earth. Living harmoniously!

Ken Carville

Write-in Candidate

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Jean S. Forward

Credentials: Secondary School Certification in Social Studies; Master's of Arts in Teaching. I feel that I bring some good experience to the Mahar School Committee. I am always available for comments from the people of Wendell concerning Mahar and feel it's important to represent Wendell in all school related issues.

Carolyn Manley

I'm Carolyn Manley and I'm running for School Committee. I have three children presently attending Swift River Elementary School, therefore, my interests in our childrens' education is very real and very immediate. School Committee is the avenue most directly related to the policy making and implementation of standards in our school system. I feel these are areas that need time and attention. I would like the opportunity to give them my time and attention. Please accept my nomination for School Committee and cast your vote in the May elections.

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PTCA News & Notes

From its inception the PTCA (Parent-Teacher-Community Association) has been greatly concerned about the serious reductions in the school budget. Especially troubling have been cuts in teaching staff, the elimination of art and music, and reduced time for physical education, school psychologist, speech and language therapist, school librarian and custodial services.

Efforts have been made by the PTCA to help with some of these cuts by providing the staff with volunteers; by providing custodial help through the creation of work days such as "Make a Difference Day"; and by providing a communication network via special meetings and The Swift River Current newsletter.

However, the best way to address these and other problems is WITHIN THE REGULAR BUDGET! The '92-'93 school budget, as proposed, takes into account the severe financial limitations of the towns of New Salem and Wendell. Despite these limitations, there are improvements in this '92-'93 budget. We as a group would like to see many more programs restored and improvements made, but in an effort to be realistic about the financial hardships, we support the School Committee and their proposed budget, and recommend passage by both towns.

Entry Age Changes!

On Thursday, April 2nd, The New Salem/ Wendell School Committee voted unanimously for the school age entrance policy to be changed to the following:

1992-1993

Program for three year olds: Children must be 3 by September 1, 1992
Program for four year olds: Children must be 4 by November 1, 1992
Program for Kindergarten: Children must be 5 by December 31, 1992

1993-1994

Program for three year olds: Children must be 3 by September 1, 1993
Program for four year olds: Children must be 4 by September 1, 1993
Program for Kindergarten: Children must be 5 by November 1, 1993

1994-1995

Program for three year olds: Children must be 3 by September 1, 1994
Program for four year olds: Children must be 4 by September 1, 1994
Program for Kindergarten: Children must be 5 by September 1, 1994

This change would bring Swift River into line, for entrance age, with the other towns in Union #28 and with schools feeding into the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District.

This is a change in the present policy. Therefore, a second school committee vote is necessary and will take place at the next regular school committee meeting scheduled for May 7, 1992.

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Fire Association

The Wendell Fire Association is staging several fund-raising efforts for the purpose of buying basic safety equipment. Expect to see donation cans around town. The Association hopes the community will help them raise $1,400 for the purchase of an additional SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus). This air pack protects the respiratory system of firefighter from smoke and heat. The Association hopes to have a total of four air packs. The old air packs which the Wendell Fire Dept. has been using have been judged unsafe by virtue of their age and by current fireground safety standards.

The Association also plans a "roadblock" style fundraiser one Saturday afternoon in June in the center of town. Do not be surprised to see firefighter activity, and do consider helping.

The Association seeks interested persons who would like to help the Wendell Fire Dept. in many non-firefighting ways. If you are interested in being involved with the Fire Dept., this group might be for you.

Kathy Becker, Secretary

LANDFILLS ONLY A TRADE-OFF

In January of 1990 trucks loaded with demolition material began to roll up Mormon Hollow Rd and into the new D & B Enterprises landfill. This event marked the beginning of an attempt by Dean Bennett and Joe Diemand to create 4 1/2 acres of level land for the Mormon Hollow Auto Salvage Yard. This event also marked the end of a 2 1/2 year process to obtain a site assignment from the Wendell Board of Health, develop operating plans, work out traffic problems with the residents of Millers Falls, and actually construct the first cell of the landfill.

The landfill is one of the only landfills to gain a site assignment in the state recently and is what is known as a triple- lined landfill. There is one layer of clay and two layers of a plastic-like material called hypalon. Most lined landfills in the state are lined with a plastic material called HDPE. According to Dean Bennett, President of D & B Enterprises, hypalon is 40% more expensive than HDPE but it has some distinct advantages that justify its higher cost. It is more pliable which makes it less likely that it will be punctured and it is less susceptible to expansion and shrinkage from changes in temperature.

The liners are designed to prevent any liquids flowing out of the landfill from moving into the ground water and eventually into Lyons Brook or the Millers River. Between the layers of the liners there are pipes to collect the leachate, or drainage, and bring it into collection tanks. This leachate is tested four times a year at a cost of $5,000 - $8,000 a test and the results are reviewed by the Board of Health and the Department of Environmental Protection(DEP). The leachate is taken to a paper mill treatment plant in Templeton.

The landfill is made up of 5 cells. Each cell is constructed, filled with demolition debris and then covered with 2 more layers of hypalon. At this writing, cells 1, 2, and 3 are filled with only cell 1 being capped. Before capping takes place it is important that the cells be allowed to settle. Cell 2 has settled 7 feet since being filled and covered with dirt. Even though 3 of the cells are filled and cell 4 is being filled the landfill is only about 35% full. This is due to the fact that cell 5 has more volume than cells 1,2,3 and 4 combined.

Once a truck arrives at the landfill the load of material is dumped and looked over by the crew to be sure there are no materials that are not allowed in the landfill. These include liquids, household rubbish/garbage and asbestos. A few loads of asbestos have had to be turned away and occasionally other materials are sent back. The unpainted wood and metal are pulled from the loads. The metal is recycled and the wood is combined with chicken manure to be composted and will eventually be used as topsoil to cover the landfill when it is full.

The recession has slowed the construction industry which has resulted in disposal of less demolition debris at the landfill. This has resulted in workers being laid off. The possibility of bankruptcy is there if economic conditions get worse but Dean is confident that a buyer could be found since site assignments for landfills are very difficult to get.

One of the problems in a demolition debris landfill is the larger material does not compress like an ordinary landfill. For this reason D & B has been looking for materials that will fill the spaces between the larger materials. A material they have used in the past is automobile "fluff". This is the plastic parts, rubber, glass and other non-metallic items that is left after cars are shredded and the metal is recycled. Recently D & B was denied permission by the Board of Health to put any more "fluff" in the landfill. The fluff does contain high enough concentrations of PCBs and some metals to have been classified as a hazardous substance by the Environmental Protection Agency(EPA).

Attention, Please!

Thirty-eight year old single white male wishes to rent home, log cabin, or house-type apartment year round in Wendell or surrounding vicinity starting Aug. 1st. Superb references. Call Bill at 1-413-586-3530.

Anatomy of a Chimney-Fire

On a Tuesday morning at the end of January, the first and only house fire in town so far this heating-season occurred, destroying the interior of Joe Coll and Linda Hickman's twenty-five year-old brown frame house, near the intersection of Lock's Village and Lock's Hill Roads. Linda had left for work after Joe, at around 8:30 AM, and, at 9:15, a man using their driveway to make a three-point turn saw smoke coming from under the eaves and called the Fire Department. Lieutenant Ed Farmer, working in his nearby garage, got the call via Orange, and his and his men's quick action saved the shell of the house and the contents of two or three rooms. But two dogs and a cat died inside the house before they could be saved, and what is left inside the entire house is blackened from the smoke and steam. Insurance will help Joe and Linda rebuild, but in addition to their pets, they lost many personal effects. In a way, though, they were lucky and they know it, telling me that they could well have been asleep when it happened.

Apparently, the fire got started in the chimney, due to creosote build-up, and the heat cracked the tile thimble, through which the "Woodstock Soapstone" stove was vented into the outdoor chimney. From outside it seems to be a flagstone chimney. But it really has to be seen from inside to be believed! In the first place there was almost no clearance between the thimble and the wall frame. Such thimbles are no longer used because they can crack from extreme heat. Once the creosote caught, fire easily spread to the two-by-four wall stud that the thimble was right next to. This tile thimble was right next to a framing stud because back in 1968 when the house was built, the town had no building inspector, and there was no Code. It would help if readers could now look at photos of the "before" and "after" appearance of the chimney. With the interior face of the chimney gone, what one sees is that the stone on the outside is just a casing, not a solid mass, and encloses a flue, flush to the left, and a stack of 14-gallon oil drums on the right. Since the flue was on the left, as opposed to being centered, the thimble had to abut the wall.

When Joe and Linda, the third owners, moved in around three-and-a-half years ago, they busied themselves establishing their new lives, and had little inclination to tear off the fake-brick front of the chimney in their living-room to check clearances. But the mess and inconvenience of doing so might have averted their tremendous loss. Some words tc the wise. . .

Back in the late 1960s, only a handful of houses in town were heated with wood. Oil was cheap, and only a few back-to-the-land types were ready to renounce its convenience. This was probably meant to be the primary heat source—and it seems to have been vented directly into the same flue—unless that is what the barrels were for (I didn't investigate). (It is now against Code to vent gas or oil stoves/ furnaces into wood-smoke flues because sparks may catch the creosote.)

Three major lessons here are 1) People who use wood for their primary heat source but do not really know what is behind the chimney facade should consider having a stone mason, or a carpenter, check it out, or do so themselves. 2) Replace tile thimbles with insulated or double-walled metal thimbles that will not crack and 3) install with proper clearances.

In old chimneys, a fire that is contained may cause mortar to break out. These chinks then provide a path for future fires to spread. Though it may not be widely known, people who have single-brick chimneys can have chimney tiles (liners) installed without tearing down the chimney. A man named Smokey Fuller, of Guilford, Vermont, has developed an inverted pincer-tool with which he does such jobs—lowering the tiles in from the roof.

Another lesson is 4) to either burn a wide-open fire for around a half-hour a day, to burn up creosote before it builds up, like they say the old-timers did, or clean chimneys frequently in the winter. Once a month seems about right if you keep your stove banked a lot of the time, as I do. Learn the signs. If your wood isn't burning well because the draft seems low, it could mean creosote is getting bad. If it persists, chances are even better that it is creosote. Difficulty in turning a damper on a metal stove-pipe is a clear indication of same. (I tend to go into denial for days before I finally get around to a necessary cleaning.) To check, you can reach a small mirror in, either from the stove's door or at the chimney's clean-out door, and look up your chimney at the sky. 5) If you have a "catalytic combuster," as Joe and Linda's stove did, it needs to be cleaned and periodically checked for damage, which can be caused by high heat. Otherwise, it may contribute to even worse creosote build-up than occurs without one.

If you notice you are having a chimney fire, Ed Farmer recommends using chimney flares (thrown into the firebox of the stove or furnace) to put it out. The Department also uses a fine mist-spray, but <u>not</u> a stream of water. Water may crack chimney tiles—damage you won't be able to see, but which may allow a later such fire to spread.

Joe recommended that people carry insurance, and that even renters carry personal property insurance. And, both for insurance and for tax-deduction purposes in case of such disasters, either have a list of your belongings that you store in a safe-deposit box (the IRS has a booklet with pages and pages of categories of goods that is useful for doing this), or get someone to make a video of the contents of each of the rooms of your house, and talk about the things being filmed. The videotape, too, needs to be stored off the site. Wendell residents, Dan Keller and Robie Lepzer, are video-camera professionals and might undertake such jobs.

Ideally, firewood should be cut, split, and stacked by the end of May, with only the top, not the sides of the stacks, covered, for the following heating season. Wood does not dry much after the summer. The first issue of *Harrowsmith*, in 1985 or 1986, had an article claiming that drying occurs best when there is at least as much space between stacks as the length of the pieces. Thus, for 24-inch pieces, leave two feet between stacks. According to the writer, it is circulating air that draws moisture out of the wood. Getting a year's worth of supply ahead would be a really good way to knock on wood.

George Sherman

Library News

The Wendell Free Library has 25 free tickets for students in grades K-12 for a performance of Gould and Stearns' "In a Cheap Motel" at the Shea Theater in Turners Falls, May 8 at 8pm. Gould and Stearns is a mime team and this play is a comedy about their life on the road. These tickets are funded by a Massachusetts Cultural Council grant as administered by the Wendell Arts Council. The tickets are available on a first come first serve basis.

With funds from the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation, the library has scheduled a monthly story program for children in grades K-12. This month, Jenny Merrick of Wendell will present a program on the coming of spring. It will be held on Wednesday, April 22, from 1:25 to 2:10. Parents or caregivers should plan to meet their children promptly at the end of the program. This is an excellent time to make book selections. The program is free, but space is limited. Please pre-register at the library or by calling 544-3559 during library hours.

Wendell residents who want to volunteer on a regular or occasional basis are still needed to help the library run smoothly. The work is fun and it's a nice place to meet and assist friends and neighbors. Please call Rosie or Chris for details. The library phone number is 544-3559.

Library Hours:

Tuesday 3-5
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SEASON OF THE SCORCHED MOUTH

The maple syrup season has always been ruled by a harsh dictator, the weather. Conditions for optimal production are freezing nights which force sap to recede to the roots, and warm, puddle-days with minimal wind which restores the flow. But try to place an order! Direct sun on a tree will influence prime flow conditions. Thus southerly buckets tend to drip soonest and fastest but dry up first. Health of a tree and a region, acid conditions and rot or disease in the flow region of a spout also impact on flow. If nights are warm, sap remains in the tree and as nature choreographs, will force buds to swell, assuring the close of the season.

The flow this season has been intermittent. An early February run caught by some, caught some by surprise. Tappers commented on the premature yet perfect sugaring weather but still stayed their hand. Washington's birthday has been the approximate first tapping day for this part of the county. If taps are set too early, holes can heal over before the season is complete. But with what seems to be a change in familiar weather patterns, tappers must be ready to consult newfound common sense if weather is something one cares to prognosticate. "Make hay while the sun shines!"

When tapping, use a 7/16 drill bit and sink the hole about 2". Since you are seeking vital wood, avoid prior tap hole scars (6"above and below, 3" to the side).Over zealous drilling or hammering of a spout will lead to problems and not to increased yield. Once you drill beyond the area of sap flow, you hit heart wood where no sap flows. The hole need only be deep enough to snugly fit the tap. If the tap is too enthusiastically pounded, a split will occur in surrounding bark and leaks will become evident.

At the end of March, decent syrup weather resumed and Wendell tappers kept busy over their brew after a two week hiatus. Locals set from 2-1100 taps. After not much of a winter, spring seems especially capricious but that is typical of New England. Some tappers reported decent yield, some reported poor. It depends what you need; it depends what you expect. If production is truly down 1/2-2/3 as early reported by some in town, calling this a "bad year" seems an understatement when major investments have been undermined.

I hope you have a chance to boil or to visit someone who does. Maple steam, maple windows, maple mouth. Maple tea is my favorite spring tonic. The best kisses have hints of maple and scorched lips heal quickly.

—Nina Keller

THINKING ABOUT TAXES

We are all acutely aware of the burden of local property taxes because payment for ALL of FY 92 taxes was due within two weeks this spring. The first of those bills should have arrived early last fall. Our hard-working assessors have now caught up from the delay caused by property revaluation that took place for FY91. If you remember, we paid half of our (estimated) taxes for FY 91 in January of 1991, then the rest of FY 91 in October of 1991. (We actually made only one tax payment in the year 1990).

We often hear that the Wendell tax rate ($17. 60) is one of the highest in the state. Reasons for that are because our total property valuations are low and we have no commercial tax base or other sources of revenue (like the MDC land in New Salem). While our tax rate is high, the per family tax bill is in fact below average. In 1990 our average family tax bill of $1, 377 ranked 191st out of 351 towns in the state. But we also have one of the lowest per capita income levels in the state ($9, 587 in the 1987 U.S. Census). The crunch comes in the gap between the demands placed upon our resources and our ability to meet those demands.
recent years (42.3% in FY 81 compared to 59% in FY 92) due to a corresponding decrease in the percentage of our revenue that comes from the state (27% in FY 81 compared to 19% in FY 92). In particular, the state's payment in-lieu-of-taxes to Wendell (for state-owned land) has dropped from $113, 715 (20% of our total revenues) in FY 81 to $25, 972 (2.3% of our total revenues) in FY 92. Nonetheless, the Department of Revenue reports that the Town of Wendell receives more state aid per capita ($806 per capita in 1992) than any other town in the state (mostly in aid to regional schools).

By Margo Culley (with help from Kathleen Ramsay, Jesse Wetherby, Judy Wilder and the Finance Committee)

The percentage of our total revenue that comes from local property taxes has been increasing steadily in

Another factor in our fiscal situation is our high debt load. As of June 30, 1990 (the most recent figures from D.O.R.) our per capita debt load was $1, 612 or 5.3% of our total property valuation--one of the highest ratios of debt to valuation in the state (again because our valuations are low). This burden will lessen each year as we pay off notes for the school construction/ addition and the highway/fire station garage.

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SECOND HARVEST FESTIVAL

The secont Wendell Harvest Festival will be held in September. Further details are to be arranged. Anyone interested in helping with any aspect is asked to call Jonathan von Ranson (544-3758) or come to a meeting Tuesday, May 5 at 7 p.m. at the home of John (Klondike) and Teri Koehler off Stone Rd.

The first Harvest Festival—in case you missed it—was created by Wendell Community Works to recognize the work done in Wendell's gardens, kitchens, studios and workshops, the event held on the Common. It included a crafts market, art show and "roving" entertainment as well as a whole section displaying garden produce, canned goods, live poultry (one chicken), dried flowers, etc. There were tables at which local businesses offered maple syrup, accupressure, pies, etc.) and a giant tag sale benefitting the schools which made $1,100. Kids pressed apple cider all day.

A pancake breakfast started the day and contributed $450 to a fund for painting Town buildings. In the late afternoon, a free dinner was put on with produce from local gardens and donated food. The evening consisted of a contra/square dance in Town Hall, with a refreshment table that benefitted the library.

POLICE LOG

Jonathan von Ranson

1/31 One car accident. New Salem Rd.

2/3 Women reported her trailer on Locke Hill Rd. vandalized and her yellow ten speed bike was taken.

2/10 one car accident on Depot Rd.

2/12 School bus and van accident on Lockes Village Rd. minor injuries

2/12 1 car accident Lockes Village Rd.

2/19 one car accident New Salem Rd., minor injuries

2/25 Mason Phelps reported his mailbox vandalized.

2/26 two car accident on Mormon Hollow Rd.- no injuries.

3/8 State police (Athol) reported a riot at Maple Valley School the previous night.

3/8 B&E at camp of Setterlands on Locke Hill Rd.

T. Bardsley reported some tapes and VCR stolen at residence on Lockes Village Rd.

3/23 one car accident on Montague Rd.- no injuries

3/27 wires down on Depot Rd.

3/27 B&E at recording studio on Locke Hill

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ORANGE ARTS CENTER
~ Spring Schedule, 1992 ~

ADULT CLASSES

Basic Quilting
Karen Wallman

Learn the essentials of quilting while making a star pattern quilt pillow top. Learn about fabrics and fibers while hand sewing an 8" by 8" pillow top. Instruction for completing the pillow at home will be given.
Wednesday, April 8,15 &22 7-9 pm
$20.00 – Matls: $10.00
Limit 10

Flat Reed Basket
Janice Doubleday

Students will learn the basics of flat reed basket construction. Each participant will complete a 7" by 10" basket with end handles. An excellent beginner's basket.
Wednesday,April 29 6:30-9 pm
$10.00 – Matls: $3.00 Limit: 8

Still Life in Line and Color
Polly Kiely

Still life drawing will be the focus of this 5 week course. Students will begin with pencil and move on to experiment with color using pen and ink, watercolor and oil paints. There is a basic materials fee but some additional costs may arise depending on the individual's choice of materials.
Thursday, April 2,9,16,23 & 30 7-9 pm
$30.00 – Matls: $7.00 Limit: 10

Pressed Flower Pictures
Lydia Ruel

Lydia Ruel will introdue this exciting spring workshop with a slide show of her gardens. Students will learn which flowers to press as well as how to make a press. Each student will make a pressed flower picture with all materials and flowers supplied by the instructor. Students will complete an 8" by 10" pressed flower picture with acid free backing and matt ready to frame.
Saturday, April 11 12:30-4:30 pm
$25.00 Limit: 15

Beyond the Stick Figure
Karen Wallman

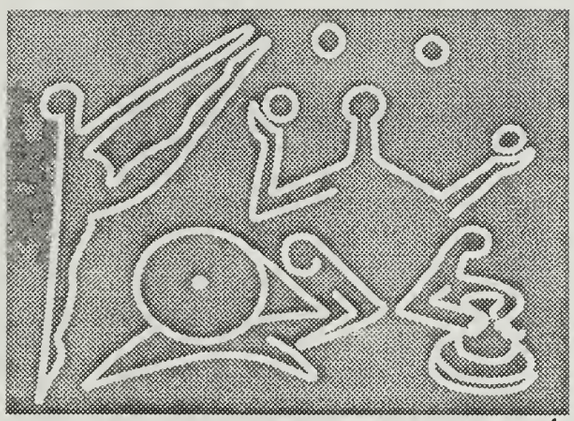
In this introductory class students will learn basic drawing skills. The class will cover papers and drawing materials as well as how to look at things, distinguishing light, form and shape. Each student will be encouraged to define his/her own goals for the class. Some materials will be included and some may be brought to class by students.
Thursday, May 7,14,21 & 28 7-9 pm
$25.00 Limit: 10

Tape Weaving and Card Weaving
Susan Loring Wells

Come and learn to weave belts, shoelaces, hatbands and trim for clothing. Students will learn to design stripes, checks and patterned bands. Tape weaving and card weaving are easy and fun for all ages and don't require expensive equipment. 4 sessions. Some homework required.
Wednesday,May 6,13,20 & 27 7-9 pm
$25.00 – Matls: $10.00
Limit: 15

Peyote Stitching (Beading)
Day Lone-Wolf

Peyote Stitching is a form of beading which is verstile and secure. It is a good, basic stitch for making hatbands, spoonhandles and bracelets. Students will gain a basic understanding of the process and will be able to complete their projects at home.
Saturday, May 23 12:30-3:30 pm
$15.00 – Matls: $10.00 Limit: 15



CHILDREN'S CLASSES

The Art of Acting
Sally Howe and Lenny Zarcone

In this 4 session class students will learn the fundamental acting skills through a variety of techniques brought to the class by 2 instructors. Sally and Lenny will work together in leading the students through exercises in improvisation, theatre games, script reading, movement and music. *Ages: 11-14 yrs.*
Saturday March 28, April 4, 11 & 18 10 am-12
$24.00 Limit 10

Spring Craft Workshop
Martha Curran

In this single session class an abundance of materials will be available as the children choose from a variety of craft projects. Some of the projects include making a Mother's Day gift, a decorated Easter egg, miniature grapevine wreaths, handbound books, hair accessories and jewelry.
Ages: 7-12 yrs. Saturday April 4 12:30-2 pm
$7.00 – Matls: $2.00 Limit 10

Knitting for Beginners
Tabatha Martinelli

The object of this 2 session class is to give the beginner a basic understanding of knit and purl stitches. Casting on, which is traditionally considered more difficult will be taught individually as students progress. Students will make a teddy bear scarf and will have all the skills necessary to finish the scarf on their own by the end of 2 sessions. Students must bring 1 pr. knitting needles size 10 and 1 skein worsted weight yarn.
Ages: 11 yrs-Adult Saturday April 18 &25
12:30-2:30pm $9.00 Limit 5

Clothespin Critters
Nancy Gerry

Using paint and clothespins in a variety of sizes and shapes the children will create an intriguing array of critters.
Ages 6-8 yrs.
Saturday April 18 12:30-1:30pm
$4.00 Matls: $1.50 Limit 8

Papermaking, Marbelizing and Bookmaking
Janice Starmer

The instructor will take students through the steps of making paper using a slurry of combined material laid over a screen to dry, the art of marbelizing, using colored paint to create an overall pattern and then using these papers and others to construct a book. Though recommended as a series, the classes may be taken individually.

Ages: 8-12 yrs. Saturday April 25, May 2 & 9 10am-noon, $12.00 for 3 sessions or $5.00 for individual sessions

Ages: 6-8 yrs. Saturday April 25, May 2 & 9, 12:30-1:30 pm, $10.00 for 3 sessions or $4.00 for individual sessions

Matls: $12 for 3 sessions or $4 for individual sessions Limit 10

Basketmaking
Sara Zarcone

In this two session workshop students will learn to weave a basic basket using the flat reed construction method. Weaving with natural and some dyed reed students will complete 2 small baskets. *Ages: 8-12 yrs.*
Sunday April 26 and May 3
1:30-3:30 pm $8.00 – Matls: $4 Limit 8

Basic Quilting for Children
Nancy Gerry

In this single 3 hour session students will learn how to transfer a quilt design, practice the quilting stitch, assemble a quilt "sandwich" and use the quilting stitch to decorate a small lace edged pillow which they will make to take home.
Ages: 8-12 yrs.
Saturday May 9 12:30-3:30 pm
$10.00 – Matls: $1.75 Limit 8

Drummaking
Bruce Scherer (sessions 1-3),
Lenny Zarcone (session 3)

In this 3 session workshop students will assemble, paint , decorate and then play their drums. In session #1 the instructor will show the students how to assemble their drums using pre-cut materials. Session #2 will focus on the art of drummaking using paint, bottle caps, beads, etc. to decorate the finished drums. In session #3 students will have the opportunity to make music and play their drums for games, songs and as accents to story telling. Parents are welcome to attend.
Saturday May 16,23 9:30-10:30 am
and May 30 9:30-11am
$10.00 Matls: $5

Stenciling on Fabric
Nancy Gerry

Students will be introduced to stenciling through a brief history of its uses and techniques. They will have the opportunity to practice these techniques on paper and complete a stencilled T-shirt or sweatshirt with a design of their choice. (Students provide their own shirts.) Older students enrolled in the second session will also learn how to cut their own stencil.
Ages: 6-8 yrs.
Saturday May 16 1:00-2:00 pm
$5.00 Matls: $1.25 Limit 10

Ages: 8-12 yrs.
Saturday May 16 11am -12:30pm
$7.00 Matls: $1.25 Limit 10

ORANGE ARTS CENTER

General Information

The Orange Arts Center is a non-profit organization currently sponsored by the Doe Valley Deli. The Center will offer Saturday and Sunday workshops for children and adults as well as Wednesday and Thursday evening adult workshops in various arts and crafts. The Orange Arts Center is located adjacent to the Doe Valley Deli at 26 S. Main St. Orange, Ma. which is open M-F from 6:30 am to 5:00 pm. and Saturdays from 7 am to 2 pm. For more information about classes call Sara Zarcone, Arts Center co-ordinator, at 544-8850.

Registration

Class size is limited so pre-registration is required. Registration may be by mail or in person. Mail or drop off the attached registration form with cash or check payable to the Orange Arts Center for the total tuition costs seven days prior to the scheduled class. Refunds will be made in full if class is cancelled or, in the event of student withdrawal, if the Orange Arts Center is notified 48 hours prior to the scheduled class.

Instructors' Biographies

Martha Curran is an experienced quilter and basketmaker. She has worked extensively with children as president of the Petersham Youth Association including workshops at Petersham Memorial Library. Martha is a mother of four children and has taught English at the Athol High School for 3 years.

Janice Doubleday is a self-educated basketmaker who often incorporates natural materials into her baskets. Her baskets can be seen at the Doe Valley Deli in Orange and also in Putney, VT. Janice has taught basketmaking in the Warwick schools, through the Adult Education Program in Orange, at the Petersham Craft Center and has taught at, as well as displayed her baskets at the Wheeler Memorial Library.

Lydia Ruel began to study the art of flower pressing in 1981. She now grows all the plants used in her designs except the Italian rukus. Lydia teaches at the Worcester Horticultural Society and presents slide lectures to women's and church groups. She also exhibits at flower shows in Worcester and Boston. Her pressed flower designs are imported by an English porcelain company for its glass topped boxes. Lydia owns and operates a shop in Ashburnham which features framed pressed flower pictures and bouquets of dried flowers.

Nancy Gerry studied stenciling and herb gardening at Mt. Wachusett Community College. She is also an accomplished quilter. Nancy loves to share her knowledge and enthusiasm in these subject areas and has taught, given workshops and lectured on stenciling, quilting,herbal gardening, creative crafts and folklore to children and adults at the Petersham Craft Center, New Salem Arts Alliance, Athol Gifted and Talented Program, Action Super Kids and Girl Scouts.

Sally Howe has 15 years of experience in community theatre. She has worked in Virginia and the Quabbin area doing both drama and musical comedy. Sally has a masters degree in French and is currently teaching French at Mt. Wachusett Community College.

Polly Kiely studied Fine Art in Chicago and France. She is a graduate of the Museum School of Fine Art in Boston. She has had exhibitions of her work in Chicago, Boston and in Europe.

Day Lone-Wolf is a silver and goldsmith. He does traditional as well as contemporary work. He has shown his work in Russia and Switzerland. His work is on display at the American Indian Archeological Institute. Day has taught at Worcester Night Life. He sells his jewelry nationally.

Tabatha Martinelli has knitting experience in the areas of colorwork, cables and pattern design. She recently won first prize at the Franklin County Fair for one of her sweaters. Tabatha has taught tatting and victorian lace craft. She is currently teaching tatting at Yarn N' Things in Gardner.

Bruce Scherer began building marimbas 12 years ago in Seattle, Wa. Bruce is self-taught and developed his marimbas out of a love of percussion. Bruce owns and operates Kallisti, a company which manufactures and distributes marimbas. Kallisti's marimbas are sold nationally as well as being available in Brattleboro, Vt., Keene, NH and Northampton.

Janice Starmer works in stained glass and has been teaching arts and crafts to students of all ages from 1st grade to senior citizens. Her classes include papermaking, clay, stained glass, kitemaking , and painting. She taught for several years in Weston, Ma. schools sponsored by the local Arts Council.

Karen Wallman lives in New Salem where she owns and operates Hawthorn Gallery. Karen is a self-taught artist. She teaches classes in sewing, needlework and garment construction.

Susan Loring Wells is a graduate of the Program in Artisanry at Boston University where she also received her BFA in Textiles. She has worked with several production weavers and sells her work. Susan has taught at the Danforth Museum in Framingham, Leverett Crafts and Arts and Webbs weaving store in Amherst. She is co-chair of the Amherst Weavers' Guild.

Lenny Zarcone has worked professionally as a performer and instructor for 15 years. He has taught extensively throughout Massachusetts in the public schools as an Artist in Residence through the Cultural Educational Collaborative and Very Special Arts. Lenny has also been performing with the nationally known Wright Brothers for 6 years. Lenny's work includes and combines skills in theatre, mime, clowning, comedy, juggling and music.

Sara Zarcone studied Fine Arts at the Cornish Institute of Art in Seattle, Wa. and graduated from the Art Institute of Boston. She learned basketmaking in Michigan and taught basketry at the Caning Shoppe in Cambridge, Ma. Sara was a resident artist at Leverett Crafts and Arts and now has a studio in Orange.

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Scholarships Thanks to a generous donation, children's scholarships are now available. For more information please contact our co-ordinator, Sara Zarcone, at 544-8850

REGISTRATION FORM

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❑ Individual	$ 8.50
❑ Family	$15.00
❑ Contributor	$25.00
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Please return completed registration form with check to:

The Orange Arts Center
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Orange, Ma. 01364

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Total Class Cost _____

(Less 5% member discount) _____

Materials _____

Total enclosed _____

MAY 11, 1992 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer $1,295.74 from the FY92 Town Meeting appropriation for the Mahar Regional School District Assessment to the Franklin County Technical School District Assessment account, or take any action thereon.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer $1,500 from the FY92 Town Meeting appropriation for the maintenance of the Wendell Recycling and Transfer Station to an account to be established for engineering for capping the landfill, or take any action thereon.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer $1,000 from the Farley Bridge Interest Account to pay for painting town buildings including the Town Office Building, the Library, the Town Hall, the Old Fire Station and the Old Highway Garage, or take any action thereon.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $1,089 to pay short-term borrowing interest, or take any action thereon.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the FY92 Town Meeting appropriation for Hazardous Waste Collection, $1,318, to an account to be established for Hazardous Waste Collection in FY93, or take any action thereon.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer $3,250 from the FY92 Town Meeting appropriation for the Mahar Regional School District Assessment to an account to be established for the purchase and installation of base station radios, antennae and associated supplies for the Highway and Police Departments, or take any action thereon.

Article 7: To transact any other legal business that may come before said meeting, or take any action thereon.

4-22-92 DRAFT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

The dates for the Annual Town Meeting are:
Monday May 11th, Tuesday May 12th and Wednesday May 13th

ARTICLE 1: To hear the report of Town Officials, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1992 in accordance with the provisions of MGL Ch. 44:4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with MGL Ch. 44:17, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during fiscal 1993, as permitted by MGL Ch.44:53F, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary, compensation and expenses of all elected and appointed officials of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1992, as provided in MGL Ch. 41, as amended, and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $927,246 from taxation or such other sum of money deemed necessary to defray such salaries and expenses for that period, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate $135,481 to supplement the monies appropriated under Article 4 of the 1992 Annual Town Meeting; which sums shall be contingent upon the approval by the voters of an override of Proposition 2 1/2, so-called, or take any other action thereon.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate the sum of $23,034 ($13,000 principal and $10,034 interest) to pay the FY93 debt service on the Fire Station/Highway Garage note, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate the sum of $130,642 ($69,286 prinicpal and $61,356 interest) to pay the FY93 debt service on the Swift River School Construction note, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate the sum of $11,690 ($10,400 principal and $1,290 to pay the FY93 debt service on the Fire Cab and Chasis note, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate $15,000 for the purchase of a used grader for the Highway Department, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate $2,500 for the purchase and installation of a toilet for the Wendell Library, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate $15,000 for drainage upgrades, road improvement and landscaping for the Wendell Town Common area, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate $15,000 for repairs to Jennison Road, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by borrowing or otherwise $29,853 for its share of the capital costs associated with replacing the roof on the old portion of the building at the Swift River Elementary School, contingent upon receiving formal approval for reimbursement by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate the sum of $15,000 to the reserve fund, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate the sum of $25,000 for the Capital Stabilization Fund, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Franklin County Technical School District to accept an Equal Education Opportunity Grant (E.E.O.G.) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for fiscal 1993, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Mahar Regional School District to apply for and accept and be allowed to expend without further appropriation any funding which may be available to the Regional School District by accepting the provisions of Chapter 188, Section 12, of the Acts of 1985 which established the Equal Education Opportunity Grants for the purpose of increasing direct services to pupils in cities, towns and regional school districts, educational collaboratives or independent vocational schools or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize School Union # 28, on behalf of the Swift River School, to apply for and accept and to be allowed to expend without further appropriation any funding which may be available to the School Union by accepting the provisions of Chapter 188, Section 12 of the Acts of 1985 which established the Equal Education Opportunity Grants for the purpose of increasing direct services to pupils in cities, towns and regional school districts, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to rescind its vote requiring a quorum of 25 at Town Meetings, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to re-establish a 100 foot portion of Rush Road which was discontinued by March 20, 1986 Special Town Meeting under Article 1. The March, 1986 Town Meeting discontinued Rush Road commencing at a point 1,800 feet North of Jennison Road continuing northerly to its intersection with Morse Village Road, a distance of approximately 8,750 feet. The portion of Rush Road to be re-established begins at a point approximately 1,800 feet north of the intersection of Rush and Jennison Roads and ends at a point approximately 1,900 feet north of the intersection of Rush and Jennison Roads, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to re-establish the section of Locks Hill Road # 1 discontinued at its May 9, 1985 Annual Town Meeting, described as follows:

"Commencing fifty (50) feet south of New England Telegraph and Telephone pole number 18, thence running southerly a distance of approximately one thousand, three hundred and fifty-seven (1,357) fee to Mass. Electric Company Pole # 5 (five)," or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following amendments to the Wendell Personnel Policies and Procedures by-law:

1. To add Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to the list of paid holidays for full-time employees as provided under Article X, Section d, of the Personnel Policies and Procedures by-law;
2. To add Patriots' Day to the list of paid holidays for full-time employees as provided under Article X, Section d, of the Personnel Polices and Procedures by-law; and
3. To add the following sentence to the definition of overtime under Article IV of the Personnel Policies and Procedures by-law: "Holiday time is chargeable toward the regular work week of 40 hours."

Or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 23: To see which of the following two procedures, A or B, the town chooses for selecting its representative(s) to the County legislative body if the Franklin County Charter is approved at the November 3, 1992 election:

A. The town representative(s) to the County Town Meeting shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

B. The town representative(s) to the County Town Meeting shall be elected by the town's registered voters.

Failure to vote, or a tie vote, on the method of representation will result in representation by election, take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the Town of Orange pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 4A for the disposal of the Town's solid waste in the Town of Orange's landfill. Or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the Town of Bernardston and/or the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 40, Section 4A for the disposal of the Town's solid waste in the Town of Bernardston's landfill. Or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to re-affirm its acceptance of MGL Chapter 40, Section 21D and allow violations of the following town bylaws to be enforced in the manner provided therein. For the purpose of this section, the specific penalty which is to apply for violation of each such section shall be as listed below and the municipal officers or employees whose titles are listed under each section shall be deemed to be enforcing officers for such section. Each day of which any violation exists shall be deemed to be separate offenses.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to proclaim the first sunday of August each year Peace Day in the Town of Wendell in recognition of the international celebration of Peace Day, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving account in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 to account for fees collected by Wendell's Plumbing Inspector, such fund to be under the authority of the Selectboard. Monies from the fund will be used to reimburse the Plumbing Inspector for plumbing inspections conducted in the Town of Wendell. Expenditures from the fund are not to exceed $2,000 in Fiscal Year 1993, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote the following referendum which was presented by petition to the Selectboard for inclusion on this Annual Town Meeting warrant:

"As a response to our nations real security needs in the post Cold War era, we call for a basic shift in federal budget priorities:

1. by enacting reductions in military expenditures each year for the next 5 years that decrease the current total military budget by at least 50%,
2. by creating jobs through assistance to communities and employers converting from military to peace time production, and
3. by reinvesting the money saved to rebuild our economy and meet human needs such as: health care, education, housing, full employment, transportation, and restoring and protecting our environment.

We respectfully direct the Town Clerk to convey the vote of the Town of Wendell at its annual town meeting to Senators Kennedy and Kerry and Representative Olver."
Or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved: That the Town of Wendell calls upon the Legislature to annually appropriate and fully distribute the legally required 15% of gas tax receipts to cities and towns, for the construction, maintenance, and policing of roads.
Or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to hear the Selectmen's report on municipal energy consumption, or take any action thereon.

ARTICLE 32: To transact any other legal business that may come before said meeting or take any action thereon.

Trying Times at Maple Valley

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The staff of Lake Grove Maple Valley organized a union in March due to grievances against the school´s new directors. The drive to unionize, punctuated by headline-grabbing student unrest, focused the Town´s attention once again on the 20 year old school.

Lake Grove Experience, Inc. of Long Island, N.Y. bought Maple Valley in 1988 and took over direct operation last July after the former director, Trish White, resigned. Since then, over a dozen contentious dismissals and resignations have occurred amid allegations that management ignores staff warnings, devalues the therapy program and makes staffing decisions that put students and employees in danger. During the March incidents, several staff and students were injured, including one direct care worker who was stabbed with a fork and subsequently resigned.

State social services and youth services departments in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and elsewhere refer troubled young men to Maple Valley for schooling and special therapy which costs approximately $60,000. per year. Following admission and orientation the students are placed into one or more therapy groups, depending on their needs: Juvenile Sex Offenders, (JSO), Children of Alcoholics/Addicts (COA), Survivors of Abuse and Substance Abuse. In each of these groups the boys work through a three stage healing process which includes (1) basic offender and victim education, (2) honest disclosure and (3) survival skills training. After getting honest with themselves and in group, the students, do the same with their families. Offenders ultimately face and apologize (when possible) to their victims and may consider non-violently confronting ther own abusers.

"This place could be so great!" says long time Maple Valley recreational director, Steve Rhodes. "And if the program is run well, the people of Wendell can play a big part in it..." Rhodes quit in March. Taking a large pay cut, he now works with at-risk youth in the Greenfield FCAC youth programs. Rhodes describes the present Lake Grove administration as "insensitive" and "out of touch" with the day to day functioning of the program, a charge echoed by a number of current and ex M.V. staff.

Daniel Botkin, long-time M.V. social worker, is angry that the Lake Grove people refuse to call the school a treatment center. "The management is cynically disinterested in therapy, group process or community building," he says. "You don´t turn these type of kids around without dramatic healing interventions... Not only in group, but every aspect of the school must be part of the 'therapy'." Botkin, who quit in February, was popular with the students, as was his border collie, Topher, before being banned.

Botkin cites an incident which occurred when the girlfriend of an upper level Maple Valley student was killed in an accident in Wendell´s first snow last November. Dan was not working that morning but was called to campus by a worried day supervisor. "The kids were walking around in a stupor, ´going off´ and expressing their grief in a violent manner. I talked to a few boys and realized the whole school needed to assemble immediately, to have a moment of silence, straighten out the facts, etc..." According to Botkin, the meeting was scheduled, then quickly cancelled by the school principal, who arrived on campus with news that Claude Bahrenburg (Lake Grove´s executive director) was due any minute. Aggressive lobbying to the director allowed the meeting to finally occur. "Some boys cried and others were able to express their needs. Another youngster laughed inappropriately and we dealt with that... This is normal, not radical," says Botkin, "This is what you do when you´re a community!"

Others concur about the lack of clinical vision within the Lake Grove leadership. "When things got tough," according to Karen Pierce, a part-time staffer, who has worked at other institutions, "these guys brought up a couple of tough guys from one of their other schools. This," she said, "can offer only temporary relief."

Several winter meetings between Wendell citizens and the Lake Grove ownership failed to fully resolve mistrust and concern over the school. On March 3rd, Maple Valley director Gary Grant answered townspeople´s questions about campus safety, supervision and staffing. Four days later, on March 7th the first of two student "riots" occurred.

With the worst troublemaking students sent away, the program has supposedly settled down again. The newly unionized Maple Valley staff has now begun negotiations with ownership around workplace issues such as: proper staffing and supervision, staff input on student admissions and discharge, as well as asking management to take on direct care shifts.

Reached just before W.P. press time, director Gary Grant spoke willingly about the school. "Our organizational philosophy is to deal with hard-to-place, hard-to-handle kids." Asked how the school dealt with them, he said, "Training, giving them all the pieces they missed." Asked specifically about therapy, Grant replied, "We run a 24 hour a day therapy program, every kid is dealt with individually... using a behavioral approach."

Regarding Lake Grove´s relations with its staff, Grant said that the three initial layoffs of long-term supervisors last Fall (Christine Heard, Bob Perrell and Marty Moore) were because the administration was "top heavy". The clinical supervisor, John Christopher, he acknowledged, was fired. "Eight to ten others quit," not a surprising number in view of the "working life of social services workers" which he said averaged around six to eight months. "Several of those who quit didn´t believe in our organizational philosophy..."

"Finances are definitely a concern," admits Grant, our capacity is 36 kids; we´ve had 30. The break-even point, though, "is somewhat below that."

On-duty coverage was increased after staff said safety was an issue, claimed Grant. He added that he "wasn´t entirely clear what their (staff) complaints were" in the months leading up to unionization.

Meanwhile, back at the Valley, upon picking up their checks last Friday (4/10), all staff were required to sign a statement promising not to talk about the school with outsiders.

"A lot of people in town still share a vision of a truly healing center for teens at Maple Valley," editorializes Dan Botkin. "Wendell could be the magic of this place! Instead, we´re viewed as their liability."

Jonathan von Ranson

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CUB SCOUTS TO BENEFIT FROM WRATS COLLECTION

Starting this month there will be a returnable bottle and can collection site set up at the Wendell Recycling and Transfer Station. On the last Saturday of each month Cub Scouts will be at the WRATS from 10:00-12:00 to collect returnable bottles and cans from residents who would like to donate them to Pack 344. Collection barrels will be at the WRATS on an ongoing basis so cans and bottles can be left there whenever the WRATS is open.

Pack 344 serves boys in Grades 1-5 from New Salem and Wendell. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to help support Pack activities like the Pinewood Derby, scholarships, insurance, Boys Life subscriptions, Fun Day, etc. Pack 344 appreciates all your help and support.

Debbie Puchalski
Committee Chair, Pack 344

From the Right SIDE

Over what seems like years I have been watching with what could be considered anger, the ongoing saga of a Colrain couple whose home was taken (unjustly) by the Federal Government for tax resistance.

After reading some of the letters to the editor in the Recorder, my anger has turned to sympAthy. These misguided leftovers from the 60's who in most cases are highly educated, very intelligent, and I'm sure very sincere in their beliefs, misquote everything from the Constitution to the Boston Tea Party. There was an article written by a townsperson that was reminded of the Boston Tea Party, which when I was going to school was a protest against "Taxation Without Representation". We were not even the United States then, we were a British Colony. What that has to do with their tax resisting is beyond me. If they don't like the way they are represented, then vote for change. This same person said his home would be next. I for one will be watching with interest.

There are some people who would say, why should I pay 80¢ on a dollar for schools, I think I'll take that 80¢ and donate to the D.E.A. to buy a new helicopter. Does that make sense? Of course not. Everyone has a right to an education. If while in school, these tax resisters had studied instead of frying their brains, they may have a different outlook on life.

Mr. Kehler was a draft resister, he paid the price, and he did so without remorse. Now he has lost his home for tax resisting. He paid the price, and it should also be done without remorse. He should pick up what he has left, find a new land that will accept his beliefs and start over again like he expected the Kuwaitis to do. There are a few sheep sheep in every town and city in the state who voice the same opinion. Mass. has been a liberal state for many years. One of our town officials said it nicely, go to the polls and vote.

The land trust should let the young couple move into THEIR home without delay, let them start a life and family in peace.

Cuts in defense spending, closing of military bases and cutbacks in the (all-volunteer) armed services has led to and fueled a recession that has not been seen since the crash of 1929, the domino effect.

This should make all the peaceniks and tax resisters very happy. A good percentage of them don't work, or make just enough so as not to pay taxes, so why should they care that so many people are out of work.

People all over the world are fighting for the right to vote. We have that right and should exercise it at every election. Vote for change, don't take the attitude that if things don't go my way I'll take things into my own hands and withhold my taxes. Majority will rule. All others should pay the price.

Ken Carville
Wendell Depot

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Minutes

Wendell Selectboard Meetings convene at 7:00 pm every Tuesday
/minutes are read and approved/warrants are signed/correspondence is reviewed/prepared agenda items are attended to

Wendell Selectboard Meeting Feb. 11, 1992 Minutes
Members present: Margo Culley, Ted Lewis.

Tax Classification Hearing - Jesse Wetherby, Tax Assessor, suggested the town continue to have only one tax rate considering the low number of businesses operating in Wendell. Her "guesstimate" for the 1992 tax rate is $17.60 per thousand.

School Board Report - Zenya Wild said the new school budget assessment for the Town of Wendell will be $378,675. This will be a $54,471. increase over last year for Wendell. Ms. Wild said this is due to the need for two new teachers; one for grade 4 and one for grade 5. It will also include a 3% raise for all teachers besides the promised step raises. The Teachers are now unionized and have collective bargaining powers, said Ms. Wilder.
A meeting of parents, school staff and Town officials is scheduled for March 19, 1992.

Historical Society - Judith Wilder attended the meeting to discuss with the Selectboard the proposal to build the bandstand in the center of the Common. The plan is to build a structure exactly like the original one. The Historical Society plans to raise the funds to finance this project. Board members voted in favor of this proposition.

Board of Health - David Walsh attended the meeting to discuss the following:

Gridley Pond- Mr. Walsh said in order to receive closure from the D.E.P. on the pond spill, Mr. Gentl must have the 50 gallon drum removed.

Mr. Walsh recommended Parker Cleveland as a representative of the Franklin County Solid Waste Commission. The Board acted on Mr. Walsh's recommendation and made the appointment.

Preliminary talks with the Town of Orange representatives regarding a regional municipal solid waste group are under way. Although this group might be in competition with the FCLWC, interested parties feel such an organization would give small towns a stronger vote in policy.

The alternative sludge from Weymouth which was to be used by D and B was decided against, since it was found to be 60% water. D and B will take a longer time to recoup its losses because of this.

A meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for Monday evening, Feb. 17, 1992 at 8:00pm. Selectboard member,Margo Culley will attend. A representative of D and B will attend also and present a written statement of monies owed to the town.

A Democratic Caucus is scheduled for Feb. 29, 1992 at 2:00pm at Wendell Town Hall.

Board members agreed to charge the Full Moon Coffee House $15.00 for the use of the Town Hall for practice on the day before the rental date. It was decided this would not set a precedent for the future.

Kathleen Ramsey will draw up a chart which will explain the explicits of higher taxes and fewer services. That is, it will show the shortfall of state monies.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Wendell Selectboard Meeting Feb. 18, 1992 Minutes
Board members present: Margo Culley and Ted Lewis

Maple Valley Public Forum meeting is scheduled for March 3, 1992 at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at the Senior Center.

Dog restraining orders were signed by Board members.

It was decided a monthly All Board Meeting, as suggested by Neal Feltman of the Conservation Committee, would not be feasible at this time.

The Board agreed to post an open letter re: available official town positions.

Upcoming Meetings - Special Town Meeting - Feb. 25, 1992, Swift River Budget Meeting - March 19, 1992

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Wendell Selectboard Meeting Feb. 25, 1992
Board members present: Anne Zak, Margo Culley, Ted Lewis

Wendell Special Town Meeting scheduled for this time was postponed due to a lack of a full quorum. It was rescheduled for March 4, 1992 at 7:00pm at the Wendell Town Hall.

A meeting with David Walsh, Chairman of the Board of Health and another with Phil DeLorey, Wendell Building Inspector were postponed due to inclement weather.

Authorization to allow the Franklin County Regional Housing Authority to administer Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency's Lead Paint Abatement Program was approved by the Selectboard.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Wendell Selectboard Meeting February 4,1992 Minutes
Members present: Anne Zak, Margo Culley, and Ted Lewis

Selectboard members agreed to reject the proposal for the Swift River Teachers' Salary Deferral.

In response to the correspondence from the Division of Capital Planning and Operations regarding the public use for state land to be transferred, Board members decided the town has no use for the parcel.

Board members signed the warrants for the Special Town Meeting scheduled for February 25, 1992.

A letter of support for the Franklin County Commissioners' Grant application for the enforcement of water resource protection regulations was signed by board members.

The Board voted to postpone payment of Veterans' medical bills until after the Special Town Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting March 10, 1992 Minutes
Members present: Anne Zak, Margo Culley, Ted Lewis

Richard Rivers, a representative of "Brick by Brick", attended the meeting. "Brick by Brick" is a Franklin County organization formed to help homeless veterans. Mr. Rivers is attending local Selectboard meetings making requests for donations of land and/or building materials. The organization has no funds or budget,although it has been officially chartered since 1986 under another name. Anne Zak suggested the Full Moon Coffee House as a group which might be able to honor such an appeal.

Jacques Graton attended the meeting requesting again to rent the old fire house as an artist studio. Kathleen Ramsey will request input from the Franklin County CDC to determine the rental value of the property and write up an advertisement for the central register.

The Board voted unanimously to appoint Jacques Graton as a member of the Swift River School Committee at the request of members Jean Forward, Zinya Wild, and Diane Kurinski.

The Board appointed Janet Mankowski as Town Animal Inspector.

Board members agreed to accept the Library Committee's recommendation to donate used books to the Friends of the Library.

Selectboard members rejected the suggestion of Southwest Engineering Corporation that the Town of Wendell pay for the cost of the clean-up at Gridley Pond and then collect from the insurance company.

Recreation Committee rental of the Town Hall was approved by the Board. A fee will be charged.

Board members voted unanimously to recommend a 3% raise for all town employees, except those elected or appointed.

The Wendell Finance Committee met with the Selectboard to discuss Capital requests and recommendations for the 1993 Town Budget.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Wendell Selectboard Meeting March 17, 1992 Minutes
Members present: Margo Culley, Anne Zak, Ted Lewis

Street numbering report - The Board agreed to Peter Rooney's request for a $40.00 budget for stamps etc. The money will come
from the Misc. Expense Fund.

Jean Forward attended the meeting as a representative of the Swift River School Committee with a request the Board reappoint Jacques Graton to the School Board. His last appointment form reached the Town Clerk's office before Gina Caputa's formal resignation did, thereby cancelling his appointment.

Joshua Dostis won the painting Bob Ellis donated to the Friends fund-drive. He has kindly offered it to the Town to be hung in the Townhall. Board members decided a formal presentation, to be held at the Annual Town Meeting, would be appropriate.

Anne Zak reported the Full Moon Coffee House intends to have a fund raiser to purchase paint and to solicit volunteers to spackle and paint the inside of the Town Hall.

Anne Zak suggested the Town sponsor recreational activities utilizing the State Forest as a fund raiser during these hard times. The Town would share the revenues with the state.

Planning Board members David Wilder, Raymond Avery and Peter Rooney attended the meeting to discuss the petition signed by 42 Wendell citizens. The petition is a request that privy (outhouses) be outlawed in the future in the Town of Wendell. The petition was submitted to a ballot vote rather than to the Planning Board as a warrant article which would have been discussed on the floor at town meeting. Selectboard members Anne Zak and Margo Culley would have preferred to bring this to the people at town meeting prior to a formal vote.

Fin Com members met with the Board to discuss the Swift River School '93 Budget. The Selectboard will attend the S R School Committee meeting on Thurs. March 19, 1992 to discuss this further. The Wendell Finance Committee will also attend.

The Annual Town Meeting is tentatively set for the week of May 11, 1992.

Election Day will be May 4, 1992.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm

Wendell Selectboard Meeting March 24, 1992 Minutes
members present: Anne Zak, Margo Culley,Ted Lewis

Wendell Road Commission (Harry Willsiton, Raymond Avery, and Michael Anderson) met with the Board to discuss the work required to fix the Town Hall parking lot. Daniel Bacigalupo, Highway Department Foreman, also attended the meeting. He said he has Jersey Barriers to place at Lock Hill and Lockes Village Road to create a safer traffic flow. The Selectboard informed the Road Commission of the Conservation Commission's request for a blanket application for all road work. A meeting was scheduled for 6:00pm on April 14, 1992 to be held at the Town Hall to continue discussion of plans for the parking lot.

Rosalie Rosser attended the meeting with a report on the "Good Neighbor" food distribution program. In January 140 individuals received food and in February the number had grown to 328 individuals. Presently there are 25 volunteers assisting Ms. Rosser. Local businesses offering help include Diemond Egg Farm with 10 dozen eggs each week, The Country store, and Maple Valley School. Jay Blackbird did electrical work sans fee. Ms Rosser said volunteers and donations large and small are appreciated.

Ms Rosser requested a resolution to have the 1st Sunday in August declared Peace Day in Wendell.

David Walsh, Chairman of the Board of Health, attended the meeting to discuss plans to have Commercial Disposal transport waste to the Orange waste site. Mr. Walsh also will schedule a meeting for the Selectboard to meet with Mr. Gentl and his insurance company to settle payment for clean-up of Gridley Pond. He requested the Board have the police check occasionally at the WRATS because of vandalism.

Mr. Walsh is interested in starting an Aids Awareness Project and to that end sent to the state for information and received a carton of 1000 condoms. He will contact Mahar Regional High School re distribution of same.

A draft of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting prepared by Kathleen Ramsey is attached. A hearing is scheduled for May 5, 1992 at 7:00pm.

Mez Davis requested the use of the Town Common for a May Day Celebration. She hopes to raise money for insulation for the Meeting House.

Kathleen Ramsey called the Boards attention to an article written in the Beacon which states the State opposes funds in lieu of taxes for state owned land within the borders of small towns such as Wendell. Board members asked Ms. Ramsey to compose a strong letter of protest to the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm

Wendell Selectboard Meeting March 3, 1992 Minutes
members present: Margo Culley, Anne Zak, Ted Lewis

Open forum of Wendell citizenry and representatives of Lake Grove Maple Valley School was held. Gary Grant was the only representative of Maple Valley, the townspeople who attended were: Joseph Coll Jr.,Rick Drohen, Jake Graton, Pam Perrel, Zenia Wild, Nina Keller, Steve Gross, Tom Mangen, and Christine Heard.

Mr. Grant said the "White House " program has been closed since Dec. of 91. It may reopen in July or perhaps it will be used for housing staff. The school plans no expansion at this time. There are presently 30 students in residence, since they have budgeted for 36 students and have the ability to house that number they are anxious to recruit 6 more students. The ratio of staff/students remains the same, however they have hired one new crisis intervention person bringing the number to 3 in all. Townspeople questioned Mr. Grant re: rumors of staff members feeling unsafe and questions about whether the financial situation is corrupting the discipline at the school . Mr. Grant

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blamed recent problems at the school on the human factor in dealing with change. The forum ended at 8:00pm. The Board resumed its weekly meeting at 8:05pm

Phil DeLorey, Wendell's Building Inspector, met with the Board to discuss Title V regarding outhouses in town. Members of the Planning Board were also present. They and the Selectboard informed Mr. DeLorey that the Board of Health is responsible for an inspection of outhouses every 6 months, That any new ones are only lawful temporarily and must have leach fields.

Jake Graton attended the meeting with a request to rent the Old Firehouse to use as an artists studio. The Board informed him they would be required to advertise it as a rental. They asked Mr. Graton to meet with Kathleen Ramsey with a written description of his planned use for the rental.

Anne Zak offered to take several pictures of the newly repaired Farley Bridge as a possible cover picture for the Town Report.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting March 31, 1992 Minutes

Board members present: Margo Culley, Anne Zak, Ted Lewis

Selectboard met with Finance Committee members and Jim and Tom Hebert, Police Officers, to discuss the need for a new police cruiser. After examining the police car everyone was in agreement that a new automobile was needed. The Selectboard voted to write a letter to the Chief of Police requesting the cruiser be removed from the road immediately. Fin Com members voted to transfer $7,000.00 from the Reserve Fund to be used to purchase a used police cruiser.

Police Officers requested the Selectboard write a letter of thanks to Jim Gallagher of Erving for his help beyond the call of duty when called upon by Wendell's police force.

Judy Wilder attended the meeting to request that May 31st be set aside to celebrate Memorial Day in Wendell. Ms Wilder represented P.A.C. in her request. Selectboard members favored the idea of honoring our war dead and voted unanimously to request P.A.C. to be in charge of the ceremonies.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Wendell Selectboard Meeting April 7, 1992 Minutes

Board members present: Anne Zak, Margo Culley, Ted Lewis

Judith Wilder stopped in to request the Memorial Day celebration be changed from the 31st of May to the 24th of May to conform with the states holiday.

Mr. Lewis reported the cruiser (police car) should arrive from Kentucky by Friday April 10th.

David Walsh, Chairman of the Board of Health, and Mr. Karl Kuehner, a representative of the Southampton Sanitary Service, met with the Selectboard to discuss the Grindley Pond cleanup. Mr. Gentl, the owner of the property, had been invited to attend to did not come and was unable to be reached by phone. Mr. Walsh stated the Bd. of Health and he held the opinion that the Town of Wendell should be responsible for part of the bill for the clean-up since Mr. Walsh, as a town representative signed the initial contract with Southampton Sanitary Services. Mr. Lewis responded that legally the landowner is responsible for payment through property insurance. Mr Kuehner asked that the town pay the invoice and settle with Mr. Gentl because his contact with Mr. Gentl and his insurance company has gotten him nowhere to date. The Selectboard assured Mr. Kuehner they will meet again with Mr. Gentl and contact him, Mr. Kuehner, within the next two weeks.

The Finance Committee met with the Selectboard to discuss the 1993 Town Budget.

A meeting of several small towns to discuss state payment in lieu of taxes for state owned property within the confines of these towns will be held in the Town of Peru. Anne Zak plans to attend this meeting as a representative of Wendell.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm

Respectfully submitted
Elizabeth Scully
Selectboard Clerk

ALL KEYS TO THE OLD FIRE HOUSE ??? ARE MISSING ???

Did you tuck one in your pocket and for get to get it back? If so, please drop it off at the Town Offices. Thanks.

PUBLIC HEARING PERSONNEL POLICY

The Wendell Selectboard will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Town of Wendell Personnel Policies and Procedures by-law on Tuesday, May 5, 1992 at 7:15 p.m.

The proposed amendments are:

1. To add Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to the list of paid holidays for full-time employees as provided under Article X, Section d, of the Personnel Policies and Procedures by-law.
2. To add Patriots' Day to the list of paid holidays for full-time employees as provided under Article X, Section d, of the Personnel Policies and Procedures by-law.

(The proceeding amendments are proposed in order to bring the town into compliance with M.G.L. Chapter 136, Section 12, which requires all public offices to be closed on all legal holidays; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Patriots' Day are included in the list of legal holidays under M.G.L. Chapter 4, Section 7).

3. To add the following sentence to the definition of Overtime under Article IV of the Personnel Policies and Procedures by-law: "Holiday time is chargeable toward the regular work week of 40 hours."

All interested parties are invited to attend the hearing or submit to their comments in writing to the Selectboard prior to the hearing. The hearing will be held in the Selectboard Office which is located in the Town Office Building on Wendell Depot Road.

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The issue of how to dispose of items like fluff, waste oil and antifreeze present environmental dilemmas for state and federal agencies. To classify them as hazardous waste, subjects the handlers of these substances to very expensive methods of handling and disposal. It then becomes prohibitive to recycle these materials which can result in either illegal and environmentally damaging disposal or, in the case of fluff, the slowing of a process that recycles most of the automobile.

In our increasingly technological and complex society the choices we make and their influence on the earth can rarely be viewed in black and white. Do we refuse a radioactive tracer in a medical procedure that may save the life of a loved one? Do we heat with wood because it's renewable despite its negative affect on the air all living things depend on? Each of these examples presents us with environmental and economic trade offs.

The automobile fluff that was not placed in the D & B landfill is being disposed of in a single-lined landfill in Springfield. Clearly a trade-off for the environment in general but one that does not subject the environment near Wendell to any possible influence fluff may cause. If every community declined the disposal of fluff the recycling of automobiles may be compromised resulting in more raw metal being mined, another environmental trade-off. The need for the recycling of automobiles is fueled by the consumption of automobiles. However, new automobiles are often more fuel efficient and emit fewer air pollutants presenting yet another environmental trade-off.

The answers to many of these environmental problems are often as complex and little understood as the environment on which we depend. Landfills have arisen out of a need to dispose of certain types of wastes each of us generates. An EPA spokesperson perhaps put landfills in perspective when he stated "Landfills are far from a permanent solution to the problem. Basically, our society doesn't know what to do with the stuff so we bury it in the ground for a while."

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WENDELL'S ORIGINAL

FULL MOON COFFEEHOUSE

The Full Moon Coffeehouse season closes out this year with concerts by Goddess Godspel, an all woman acapella group from Cambridge (April 11), followed by the Pearly Gates Trio (May 16), comprised of Pearly gates, Craig Eastman, and Carol Hamm. It has been an exciting year for music here in Wendell: we have seen the likes of Happy Truam, Jim Henry and Justina and Joyce, Suzi Pollucci and Co., David Mallet, Salamander Crossing, and many other fine musiciams too numerous to mention who have performed at open mike. Clearly, the coffee house is a thriving Wendell institution!

We have benefited a variety of organizations this year, including the Wendell Old Home Day Committee, Millers River Watershed Council, Swift River Preschool, Wendell Meetinghouse, and many others. The coffeehouse remains committed to benefiting local environmental organizations, broadly defined to incluse local groups which impact the cultural as well as physical environment.

The coffeehouse is becoming well known as a wonderful venue for musicians both known and unheard of, as well as for the unique atmosphere created simply by virtue of it being a Wendell event. Clearly the coffee house is a treasure of the town, a vibrant monthly event which draws a local as well as a regional audience.

As the coffeehouse committee looks ahead, we see a bright future! We will continue to bring a diverse offering of music and theatre (thanks, Suzi Pollucci!) to our small town. We will continue to benefit a variety of local organizations, and to help finance the upgrading of the town hall. WE NEED HELP! If you would like to join the coffeehouse committee, to work with wonderful people without making a major time commitment, please contact us! Call Matt or Laurie Stammell (544-7537) or Michael Bloomfield (544-7849).

Matt Stamell

NEW SPRING COLORS IN!! HURRY WHILE SUPPLIES LAST! The Full Moon Coffeehouse T-Shirt collection, to benefit the Town Hall Building Fund, is renewed for Spring. A wide variety of colors, mostly large and X-large (a few small and medium too) in both long sleeve ($10) and short sleeve ($8) may be purchased by calling Michael Bloomfield, 544-7849 or Matt and Laurie Stamell, 544-7537.

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POSTING PLACE

May Day Crafts fair!

MAY DAY CRAFTS FAIR
at the Wendell Meeting House Community Center
Saturday, May 2nd. 10a.m.-5p.m.
featuring gifts for Mother's Day!!!

There will be a giant BAKE SALE to benifit the Meeting House. Many vendors will be there with their wonderful hand crafted items, such as jewelery, clothes, stationary, paintings, crystals, stained glass, Native American artistry and local children's work will be on display and for sale.

SCEDULE OF EVENTS

10a.m. to 5p.m.- Crafts Fair and Bake Sale at Meeting House

10a.m.- May Pole celebration featuring Doug Tanner on fiddle

11a.m. to 11:45 a.m.- J.J. Waffles A.K.A. Waffles the Clown, songs, stories and theatre games for kids of all ages.

12 noon to 1p.m.- Carrots the Clown, face painting and games

1p.m.- Rosemary Sheola, storytelling and games

2p.m.- Al, Annie and Jacob, basketball

3p.m.- Beth Erviti, vollevball

May Pole and May Day Celebrations will happen throughout the day. So please join us at the Meetinghouse for a day of festivities and Mother's Day gift buying!

The town hall will be available to us in case of rain.

Sponsered in part by the Wendell Recreation Committee. Proceeds to benifit the Wendell Meetinghouse Community Center.

Volunteers are needed to work and help with refurbishing efforts. We need to insulate and paint the building. A long term vision is to remove and replace the cement pad in front of the building so we can make it handicap accessible.

We are also in need of people to glaze and replace windows. We could use help in so many ways, if any one has grant writing abilities we could use help in that capacity also. Join us in our efforts to create a Community Center for all people to use throughout all the seasons of the year!

Thank you for your support.

For more information about the Meetinghouse correspondence may be sent to : The Meetinghouse
Box 44A
Wendell, MA 01379

Mez Davis
Gail Krutka

WENDELL'S 5th ANNUAL/PERENNIAL PLANT SWAP

Sunday, May, 17th

10 to NOON

rain or shine

TOWN COMMON NEAR MEETINGHOUSE

Two local masons, Tom Sullivan and Jonathan von Ranson, have joined to create a new business, Bear Mountain Masonry. Together they will offer general mason contracting—chimneys, fireplaces, walls, walks and patios, etc. Both have also built masonry stoves—units which heat a house by radiating and storing heat. These wood-fired stoves will be offered as a specialty.

Tom lives on Locke Villag Rd., and Jonathan on Thompson Rd. on Bear Mountain.

OFFICE/STUDIO SPACE AVAILABE FOR LEASE

The Wendell Selectboard seeks proposals for the rental of the former town fire station located on the Wendell Common. The building is a two-story cinder-block building with a total floor space of approximately 1,300 square feet. There are two overhead doors, a side entrance and an unmaintained furnace on the first floor. The building does not have running water or sanitary facilities.

The leasee will be responsible for providing utilities, including possible repair of the furnace, and must obtain liability coverage for use of the building.

To minimize the impact of the re-use of the building on the historic common area, only re-use proposals for office and/or studio space, will be considered. Auto and machine repair shop and industrial uses will not be considered. Onsite parking is limited to two cars. Very limited offsite parking may be available.

The Town of Wendell will retain the right to use the building for special events, pre-arranged with the leasee.

Interested parties should contact the Selectboard Office, 508-544-3395, for a more information about the facility and re-use restrictions and a proposal submission form. All proposers should obtain this background information, which includes a draft copy of the lease for the building. The lease of the building will be for a one year term, with an option to renew the lease at the end of the first year.

Proposals clearly marked "RENTAL PROPOSAL" will be received at the Selectboard Office, Wendell Town Office Building, Wendell Depot Road, P.O. Box 41, Wendell, MA 01379, until 7:15 p.m. April 28, 1992.

The proposals will be reviewed and the contract will be awarded by the Selectboard. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to make any award deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

Wendell Selectboard
Theodore E. Lewis, Margo Culley, Anne Zak

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

MYRON'S NO. YAKITORI, a Wendell based business specializing in serving Japanese style grilled foods at large festivals and fairs is looking for one very special employee. Qualifications include: physical health, stamina & some strength, scrupulous trustworthiness and honesty, total dependability, confident self reliance, ability to deal with the public, ability to travel away from home for extended weekends, love of food, music, crowds and good times, fastidious cleanliness, ability to do exacting and sometimes tedious work, and a sense of humor. Mostly part time. Gender immaterial. Call Myron or Kathy 544-2086.

As part of the Wendell Board of Health's AIDS Awareness Project, literature and condoms will be available at the Good Neighbor food distribution on Sat. mornings, The Free Box and the W.R.A.T.S.

Dave Walsh - Chair
Wendell Board of Health

Bring your extra vegetable starts, flowering perennials that need thinning, herbs, or what have you. Last year there were tomatoes, peppers, peach trees, lilacs and more. NO MONEY EXCHANGED. This is a sharing day.

All are welcome to participate. If you do not have plants, consider bringing a plate of cookies. For more information call Rosie. 544-8457.

On Sunday mornings at 9 am we gather together at the Wendell Meeting House for a Sunday Spiritual Circle.

We sing songs share, tell stories and celebrate ourselves. Everyone welcome. Donation $1 Join us and begin your work with song!